

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) A method ~~for processing search results, the method comprising~~ acts of:

[[a)] ~~receiving search results that have been generated based on~~ in response to a query, the query including that includes one or more keywords, the search results including a first search result and a second search result;

~~b) receiving at least one of the one or more keywords; and~~

[[c)] generating a set of final search results from the received search results that were received, including:

adding the first search result to the set of final search results;

determining that a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result are query-specific duplicate documents from a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, the act of generating being performed by using one or more segments of the search results, wherein where each query-relevant part of the one or more segments used includes at least one of the one or more keywords; and

in response to the determination, not adding the second search result to the set of final search results; and

presenting the set of final search results.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46 wherein: ~~the act of generating a set of final search results includes~~

the received search results further include a third search result; and

~~1) determining, using the one or more keywords, whether or not a candidate search result is similar to a search result already in the set of final search results, and~~

[[2)]]generating the set of final search results further includes:

determining that the first document and a third document corresponding to the third search result are not query-specific duplicate documents based on a comparison of the one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more third query-relevant parts of the third document; and

in response to the determination, adding the third search result[[s]] to the set of final search results only if it is determined that the candidate search result is not similar to any search results already in the set of final search result.

49. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

[[a)]]at least one processor; and

[[b)]]at least one storage device storing processor executable instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, processes search results by:

[[1)]]receiving search results that have been generated based on in response to a query, the query including that includes one or more keywords, the search results including a first search result and a second search result;

~~2) receiving at least one of the one or more keywords, and~~

[[3)]]generating a set of final search results from the received search results, including:

adding the first search result to the set of final search results;

determining that a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result are query-specific duplicate documents from a comparison of one or more of the first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, that were received, the act of generating being performed by using one or more segments of the search results, wherein each of the one or more segments used where each query-relevant part includes

at least one of the one or more keywords; and

in response to the determination, not adding the second search result to the set of final search results; and

presenting the set of final search results.

50. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein: ~~the at least one storage device further stores processor executable instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, generate the set of final search results by~~

the received search results further include a third search result; and

~~A) determining, using the one or more keywords, whether or not a candidate search result is similar to a search result already in the set of final search results, and~~

[[B)]]generating the set of final search results further includes:

determining that the first document and a third document corresponding to the third search result are not query-specific duplicate documents based on a comparison of the one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more third query-relevant parts of the third document; and

in response to the determination, adding the candidate-third search result to the set of final search results only if it is determined that the candidate search result is not similar to any search results already in the set of final search result.

51. (Currently amended) An apparatus for processing search results, the apparatus comprising:

[[a)]]~~a storage facility device~~ for storing search results ~~that were generated in response to based on a query, the query including that includes~~ one or more keywords and for storing at least one of the one or more keywords, where the search results include a first search result and a second search result; and

[[b)]]~~a final results generator for generating a set of final search results from the search results stored in the storage facility, the generating including:~~

adding the first search result to the set of final search results;

determining whether a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result are query-specific duplicate documents from a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, using segments of the search results, wherein where each of the segments query-relevant parts includes at least one of the one or more keywords stored in the storage facility; and

adding the second search result to the set of final search results when the similarity determination facility determines that the first document and the second document are not query-specific duplicate documents and not adding the second search result to the set of final search results when the similarity determination facility determines the first document and the second document are query-specific duplicate documents; and

a final results presenter for presenting the set of final search results.

52. (Cancelled)

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Cancelled)

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Cancelled)

58. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

62. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46 wherein the acts of receiving search results and generating a set of final search results (a), (b) and (c) of the method are performed automatically, without the need for user intervention.

63. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the final results generator operates automatically, without the need for user intervention.

64. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46 wherein the segments query-relevant parts include ~~are windows defined by~~ a predetermined number of characters.

65. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46 wherein the query-relevant parts include ~~segments are windows defined by~~ a predetermined number of words.

66. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46 wherein the query-relevant parts ~~segments~~ are sentences.

67. (Currently amended) The method of claim 46 wherein the ~~segments~~ query-relevant parts are paragraphs.

68. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts ~~include segments~~ are windows defined by a predetermined number of characters.

69. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts ~~include segments~~ are windows defined by a predetermined number of words.

70. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts ~~segments~~ are sentences.

71. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts ~~segments~~ are paragraphs.

72. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A method ~~for processing search results, the method~~ comprising acts of:

[[a)]]receiving search results that have been generated ~~based on~~ in response to a query, ~~the query including that includes~~ one or more keywords, the search results including a first search result and a second search result;

—— b) receiving at least one of the one or more keywords;

[[c)]]identifying a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result as query-query-specific duplicate documents based on a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, where ~~by comparing one or more segments of documents corresponding to the search results, wherein each query-relevant part of the one or more segments~~ includes at least one of the one or more keywords; and

[[d)]]generating a set of final search results from the received set of search results, ~~using the identified query specific duplicate documents such that the set of final search results does not~~

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include two search results corresponding to two query specific duplicate documents where the set of final search results includes the first search result but not the second search result; and
presenting the set of final search results.